

"Don't ask me, sister. He's the brains of this outfit". "Then what's he doing in this

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The BRUTUS BULLETIN is a newsletter of postal DIPLOMACYTM brought to you every few weeks by John Michalski, Rt 10, Box 526-Q, Moore, OK 73165. Subs are way too expensive for you to want to sign up for this thing, so keep your 55¢ per. BB is dedicated to running a few fast games cheaply, no more. Since the publisher likes filler, however, he endeavors to fill each issue to the 2 oz limit. The editor is not the anti-Christ despite what Mark Berch might tell you on occasion, but the "house" political leanings are quite close to those of Darth Vader. ALL topics and opinions receive an unedited hearing, barring only the dull; game-related personal correspondence; and outright stupidity. Some legibile stupidity may get through though, for Dick Martin HAS had notes get published here. But not many. Friends of "Bernie Oaklyn" are invited to go elsewhere, after sucking an egg.

GAME OPENINGS: None here, since it is with a great sigh of relief that my last game for quite some time concludes this issue in Fall, 1917. (Please note my comments on that page). However, my subzine DOWN'N'DIRTY editor, Dave Marshall, has 3 week openings in a game to run outside BB. He does a good job, has a reliable history, and I recommend his efforts to you. 1547 Maplegrove Road, South Euclid, Ohio 44121. About a \$3.50 gamefee, no subfee required, grey press.

OTHER OPENINGS: D Scott Palter publishes PINK DRAGON at intermittent intervals, and has openings. In his latest issue he states that he hopes to get player help to go from 4th-worst GM in last year's poll to the record spot, dead last. He's not really that bad, but again, I've never been able to detect a regular schedule to PD. It is a good rightwing sheet though, and is often redone in part here. Scott asks that I mention his openings, so here's a front page plug. And an honest one. Box 156, Cedarhurst, NY 11516

BOB SERGEANT, one of the most reliable publishers in the hobby, puts out a semi-warehouse zine called ST GEORGE & THE DRAGON. He has \$3 gf regDip openings which I recommend. Monthly, 10/\$5, pref lists OK, bars 'Oaklyn' and Gibson, blacklists OK. Sign up now for September games. No announcement will be made prior to the Sept start, when he will start as many as he has people signed up for. (Let's all wait until late August and then ask to enter three games—about 50 of us, OK?) 3242 Lupine Dr, Indianapolis IN 46224

LEE KENDTER, another pillar of the GMing hobby, also is opening games in his now-straight-warehouse WHY ME? Lee has a reputation as a perfect GM, saint, whathaveyou. He's not that, but he is a person who runs games with a sense of responsibility. He is helpful and fair, and does make a good example of what a GM should try and be. It is rare that two goodies like this have openings at the same time, but here they are. Take advantage of them. Lee is at 4347 Benner Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135.

JACK MASTERS doesn't have openings, but does make the news with the latest EAST OF EDEN, his game warehouse zine aside from his famous BLACK FROG. Seems he's been in the hobby long enough now to have built up a core of 'problems' with various other hobby entities, typically over innocent enough stuff as a rule. Jack is in the doldrums of hobby enthusiasm at the moment, but unlike some of the kids who get discouraged, Jack will hang in there and come through. I have a soft spot for such tidings; it brings to mind all the names of people who have attacked me over the years, for good reasons and for nonexistent reasons (outside their own minds): Boardman, Tretick, Kovalcik, Gibson, no doubt many others who I hav e long since forgotten. You too will forget them, Jack. Like acne, troubles and trouble-makers are a problem while you have them, but after a while, just about the time you think you're used to them, they fake away. Not really, of course, but you just don't notice them anymore. They won't matter much, and you'll be writing something like this in BF about Sigwalt, or Pearson, or Wells, Overby, or somebody.

STEVEN DUKE puts out a new little zine I've already plugged here, but I'll mention that he has put out a mid-June "early July" issue (#2) that is well repro'd, digest sized, regular type, 4 sheets making 15 pages and a back cover to THE SCHEMER. This issue stated he'd drop, or not pick up, the standard Boardman Numbering system, but I'm sure he'll change on that in time. I won't repeat a personal note on that. Anyhow, the issue is mostly short articles, reviews, and the like; nice to get before it gets weighted down with too many games. Included was an editorial attacking those who were critical of the fold of Steve Shaddix's WHITE DUKE which Duke here reports is only late, not gone. While I can understand his righteous tone (he worked with Shaddix), I cannot agree with it. If a zine, especially a new zine, has a "delay" of many months, reports of folds are to be expected. When, as was the case with Shaddix, the novice pubber does not answer even mailed inquiries from those who are genuinely interested in the zine's fate, as I remember reading was true of this case, then it is not at all out of line to report the zine as "dead". If a GM/publisher—and especially a novice GM/publisher, among whose' ranks the problems of sudden drops are highest—is so irresponsible as to take a powder for a long time and not respond to inquiries, I do not feel that there is any criticism to be levelled on those who report the situation and draw the obvious conclusion. Indeed, I think it would be irresponsible for the established publishers, who know of a seeming drop, to NOT report that "DIPLODOCUS" is long overdue/non-responding/apparently gone. Such warnings are needed to let people know what's going on. Now if Shaddix jumps back up and says "hey, I was held in a Tijuana jail on a 3-month drug bust" or something, and then publishes regularly, you will in fact see the apologies that Mr Duke feels Shaddix is owed. If, on the other hand, Steve S was just uninterested for a number of weeks, but now once again feels in the mood to be a publisher, then I feel that the reports of WHITE DUKE's demise were appropriate, even if unfounded (at the moment). There are publishers who sometimes feel like doing the job, and sometimes don't; Kovalcik comes to mind, e.g. It is not at all wrong for someone to report then that "TETRACUSPID is long overdue and presumed dead" for instance, which did in fact happen just recently. TET came back from its sabbatical, and you say WHITE DUKE will too. When it does, regular and established zines will report that fact as well. And the readers and potential subbers can draw their own conclusions. No apologies are due there.

DICK MARTIN has put out another huge issue, this one even oversized for him. I'd comment on it, but it was too big to start into; I still have it sitting at work waiting for a chance to get into it. I don't know what it was called; all I have here is the previous issue, UP WITH ELSIE, saved because sweet Sue put a note on it for me. UP WITH ELSIE also explains the DOWN WITH CRUD issue of WHITESTONIA that just came out. It features various articles about "Crud" Martin. Ah, the price of fame in this hobby... (Martin: 26 Orchard, Way North, Rockville, MD 20854)

OIL PATCH NEWS: One day, while killing time waiting on auditors at work (i.e., any day), I whiled away the hours by paging through OIL & GAS JOURNAL in order to do something semi-official-like for the good money they're paying me. Despite it's dry sounding name, within its many pounds of material there did lay a few items of note. Want to buy a shiny 60,000-lb-pressure valve? No seriously, it did have a few good things, and since I have damn few for this issue of BB, I thought I'd let you in on them. Late May saw the 21st record week of the year for number of active rotary rigs in the US, up 2 from the week before to 3860. That's 1054, or 37.6% more than this time last year. The average addition per month is running at 88. Part of that may be due to the next item, Canadian industry \$ for exploration and production activities are down 35% since the unveiling of the "national energy policy" last fall. This is basically nationalization. Canada is not content with messing up medicine, etc. The socialist policies that failed in Mother England are now being imitated in Canada, where the failings of socialism are answered by calls for more socialism, just as in the world, the failing socialist/communist countries blame all on the existence of

capitalist countries. "Just take away those dastardly capitalists, and all will be perfect". Or at least there won't be any standard higher than the universal socialist misery to compare to or be embarrassed by. Canada's nationalization policy has driven exploration rigs and money to the somewhat freer US, where it is still possible, tho not certain, to make money and keep some of it. Other news items were that Atlantic Richfield and Santa Fe Drilling were going to jointly drill off Communist China's Hainan Island, south of it, in a new area. I hope they find something so they can sell it to us for weapons to use against Russia. (Ain't I sweet?) Finally, Shell is drilling 3 wildcats NE of Yakima in Washington state, so that maybe John Kelley will have some summer job opportunities.

STEVEN DUKE DEPARTMENT: Crud Martin wrote to say that Brad Wilson's quaint little BORN TO DIP is in fact gone. Too bad. Not many publishers had that style, that charm, associated with writing BORN TO DIP in the upper lefthand corner of a page, and VOTE GOP in the upper right...

Tonight's news said that France has put 4 Communists into cabinet posts, even though the FCP had a dismal showing at the polls. Mitterand has to help his buddies though, and NBC tried to emphasize how clever Mitterand really was for getting big concessions out of them in exchange for four minor posts: concessions like getting them to agree to support the French government call for the removal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. Whoopee. You issue a call for Soviet withdrawl in Afghanistan, I'll give you four posts in government. You denounce the King of Siam, and I'll make your pal Goering Minister of the Interior (police head) in East Prussia. You sell me your cow, and I'll give you this bag of magic beans. You let me into the Channel and I'll only use it to support myself into Belgium....

JIM VAUGHN DEPT: There is an old Russian saying I read that says "A rat loves the swamp in which he was born".

THIS ISSUE we have a few letters again. I've spent the better part of ten days trying to get them all typed. Where are all the Walker's and DelMonte's who submit almost camera-ready typed letters anymore? Do you know how much typing I've had? And that's even if I not consider Mark Lew, whose stuff is almost a trademark, though not registered for lack of legibility of the application. Allen Wells has a lot of stuff, plus the usual spread of items. For filler, I had to dip back into my old pot of stuff for a few things that I think were only used before in part, if at all, in the current form. Thanks to Dave Carter for those Newfie stories. (Newfies, or Newfoundlanders, are the Aggies of Canada. Aggies, aside from the dictionary meaning, are the pollacks of the Brutus Bulletin). This issue's cover is again white, since last was colored. Next issue's cover will be blue or green, depending on whether you get an early print copy (blue) or late (green). I need to scrounge up some new colored paper for the cover of 95. Maybe Pilant can rip me off some pink paper from ol' Harper? I'm glad to see a few discussions going on: guns, Massachusetts, Walker-Sacks, etc. I'm pleased that a few people are paying attention to their surroundings out there. Nothing like a few healthy brickbats in the air to keep us all awake.

Speaking of awake, are any of you awake when those women in the TV commercial take a break from their party discussion to expound on the qualities of new scented XYZ pantyshields? I guess if you can watch TV "dramas", nothing much fazes you.

DON'T FORGET: Still for sale is a slightly smaller than usual box of assorted dipzines, all more or less current (i.e., 1981), sent to you postpaid by 4th class mail for a paltry \$3, or only twice the cost of mailing the thing. Get a bunch of zines for the cost of half a sub to one. Write editor.

LATE NOTE: Forget that part about Allen Wells letter above; I started on it, but it just won't fit in view of what's already been printed up. So, off that goes to the carryover box. Also, that's 3 pages of #94 spoken for, folks. Get your own stuff in quick!

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June 19, 1981

ONE UNIT MOVES, AND GAME ENDS!

Summer, 1917: Russian F Ank r BLA

FALL, 1917:

ENGLAND (Blant): F AEG S A Con; F APU S F Nap; Fs ENG, MID, EDI, SMY, WES, NTH, NWG, BAR, TYN, ION, NAP H; As CON, SEV H

GERMANY (Cummings): NMR! Fs DEN, HOL U, H; As BUL, SER, GRE, BUR, BOH, ROM, VEN, TRI, TUS, GAL, RUM, PIE U,H

RUSSIA (Kirchner): F Bla-ARM (better to desert on land than sink at sea)

TURKEY (Becker): (No units)

1917:

E:	Home, Nwy Swe, Bel Bre Spa Por Tun StP Mos Sev Nap Smy Con ANK	17	+1
G:	Home Hol Den Par Mar War Vie Bud Tri Ven Rom Ser Rum Bul GRE	17	+1
R:	ANK	0	-1
T:	Gre	0	1 ann., even
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Arménia: I voted yes—if the draw doesn't pass, one of you won.

E to the eliminated little three: Now, students, as I said, there will be a draw even if it has to be 17-17. Congratulations, Mark.

The draw passed and the game is over. Congratulations to Kerry and Mark, and next to ALL the players. For a game that lasted 17 long game years and 18 months of real time, it is interesting to note that we only had one dropout and one resignation. Not only is this an excellent record for a game in general, but it also is an excellent example for those thoughtless dolts who say that fast games will foster misses and drops because people "can't keep up". Shit. This shows without a doubt that there is GREATER player interest and participation in a fast game than in the typical 4 week, 5 week, and oftentimes 6 week deadline games. Anyone who thinks that two deadlines every three months is doing his players a favor is either a liar, a fool, or both. Regretably, those GMs whose actual deadlines are running that way are on the rise, not the decline.

ENDGAME STATEMENTS are invited from all players. Two are on file and are printed below. Note that the Austrian one has been on file for over a year now...

JOSEPH PETRIE, Austria

Middlebury, VT: What can one say? Words would only cheapen the gift. Graci.

STAN JOHNSON, France

"I'm glad that's over with!" Also, I'd like to congratulate both England and Germany on their good play. My only complaint was the one turn the Postal Service lost my moves, NMRing me. However, it probably only affected the timing of my demise rather than the final outcome. Norman, if you can acquire more tactical diversity it will help you. You played well, but were fairly easy to second guess. Again, congrats to all concerned and hope we meet again.

1980 D January 16, 1980-June 19, 1981 Zine: BRUTUS BULLETIN GM: John Michalski

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Austria	5	5	3	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
England	4	5	5	5	6	6	7	8	9	12	12	12	13	14
France	5	5	5	5	3	3	2	1	0	—	—	—	—	—
Germany	5	6	6	6	6	8	8	9	7	8	9	10	12	13
Italy	4	5	5	6	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	9	6	4
Russia	4	5	6	7	7	5	5	4	5	2	2	2	2	2
Turkey	4	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	1
Neutral	3	0												

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	15	16	17
Austria	-	-	-
England	14	16	7 DRAW
France	-	-	-
Germany	14	16	17 DRAW
Italy	4	0	-
Russia	1	1	0
Turkey9	1	1	0

A copy of this is being sent to all players except Mr Mitchell by his request, and to the BNC. A copy will be maintained until the results have appeared in **EVERYTHING**, the official records zine of the BNC, and such appearance will be noted in BB.

Our Cast of players

Austria, Joseph Petrie, out fall, 1904
 England, Nathan Mitchell, res F11; Kerry Blant, DREW fall 1917
 France, Stan Johnson III, out fall 1910
 Germany, Mark Cummings, DREW fall 1917
 Italy, David Grabar, out fall, 1916
 Russia, Eric Kirchner, out fall, 1917
 Turkey, Bill Becker, out fall, 1917

6/81

6/80

Gasoline prices

(Approximate prices for major-brand regular)

	Price ex. tax 6-10-81	Pump price* 6-10-81	Pump price 6-10-80
Albany	124.6	137.7	123.0
Albuquerque	125.6	136.6	122.6
- Amarillo	121.9	130.9	116.9
Atlanta	121.7	137.0	120.7
Baltimore	123.1	136.1	124.0
Birmingham	123.5	134.5	121.0
Boston	121.2	133.7	122.2
Buffalo	122.7	139.8	122.0
Charlotte	123.1	136.1	122.1
- Cheyenne	123.0	135.0	123.1
Chicago	116.1	132.2	127.5
Cleveland	119.4	130.4	119.8
- Corpus Christi	122.0	131.0	117.4
- Dallas	122.0	131.0	117.4
Denver	123.5	134.5	123.5
- Des Moines	122.6	136.6	121.7
- Detroit	122.8	137.8	125.4
- Fort Worth	122.0	131.0	117.4
- Houston	123.0	132.0	120.7
- Indianapolis	121.3	138.2	121.8
Jacksonville	122.4	134.4	121.0
- Kansas City	119.9	130.9	122.4
- Little Rock	117.9	131.4	117.2

Louisville	121.3	134.3	120.8
Los Angeles	121.1	138.7	120.6
Memphis	124.5	135.5	121.5
Miami	123.9	135.9	123.1
- Milwaukee	119.9	130.9	119.8
- Minn.-St. Paul	120.6	133.6	121.2
Newark	125.7	137.7	123.7
New Orleans	121.0	133.0	120.0
New York	123.1	140.2	125.1
Norfolk	121.3	134.3	120.7
- Okla. City	118.8	129.4	119.9
- Omaha	122.8	137.3	123.8
Philadelphia	122.6	137.6	122.0
Phoenix	123.2	135.2	120.9
Pittsburgh	122.6	137.6	122.0
Portland, Ore.	122.6	133.6	120.8
- Salt Lake City	122.4	135.4	123.6
- San Antonio	119.5	128.5	114.9
San Diego	123.0	140.6	120.9
San Francisco	122.7	140.3	120.6
Seattle	121.3	137.3	122.1
Spokane	121.3	137.3	122.6
Springfield, Ill.	121.8	138.2	121.7
- St. Louis	121.8	132.8	121.7
Tampa	123.6	135.6	123.0
- Texarkana	123.5	132.5	118.0
- Tulsa	114.9	125.5	115.5
- Wichita	118.4	130.4	118.8
Week's Avg.	121.83	134.57	121.06
May Avg.	122.27	135.03	120.79
Apr. Avg.	122.92	135.66	120.13
1981 to date	121.06	133.79	..
1980 to date	61.63	73.28	..

+ Increase, - decrease from previous week.

*Pump price includes state and federal motor fuel taxes and state sales tax. Some local governments may impose additional taxes.

MISC FILLER

Not really much
 difference across
 the US, is there?

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ROM-BER: Yeah, I'll learn alright. I got you and Scary Bland by the short hairs, so sit there and teach me a lesson.

A/H-ITALY: The number for Dial-A-Prayer is 278-2100. Tell em Mr. Loyal Puppet sent you.

OFF SYRIA: Look at this folks. I join a turkey game, be a nice guy, and what happens? I get stuck with a damn NMR on my record for nothing. Shit. I bequeath this spot to David Pilant effective with Winter 1910 (112 Olympic, Moore, OK 73160). His order is "F Eas r OTB," got that ratings-keepers?

Summer 1910: Austrian A Serbia retreats to Budapest

Fall 1910:

AUSTRIA (Blant): A BUD-Ser; A GRE S A Bud-Ser; A Ukr-GAL; A Tri-Tyo/d/r to Alb, Otb; A VIE S A Tri-Tyo

ENGLAND (Kirchner): A Wal-Lon(NSU); F WAL H(U); A Yor-HOL; F NTH C A Yor-Hol; F KLE S A Yor-Hol; F BER S F Kie; F SWE H; A STP H

GERMANY (Grabar): A Hol-Kie/d/destroyed; A MUN S A Hol-Kie; A RUH S A Mun

ITALY (Henry): F ENG S F Bel; F BEL S ENGLISH A Yor-Hol; A BUR-Mun A MAR-Bur; A Tyo-TRI; A VEN & F ADR S A Tyo-Tri; A Pie-TYO F Ion-AEG; F Tyn-ION

RUSSIA (Goodrich): A Mos-LVN; A SEV H; A BUL-Gre; A SER S A Bul-Gre F Bla-RUM; A Smy-CON

TURKEY (Michalski): F Eas-SMY

We have a call for an E/I draw. Please vote with your next set of orders. NVR=yes. COA: Paul Goodrich, 1839 18th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122.

AUTUMN/WINTER 1910 and SPRING 1911 will be due Wednesday, July 8, 1981.

1910	#	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
	3	-1 or -2	Austria	Bud, Vie, Ber , Gre, Ber
	10	+3	England	Home, Swe, Nwy, StP, Den, Kie, BER, HOL
	1	-1	Germany	Ber , Mun, Ber , Ber
	11	+1	Italy	Home, Spa, Por, Bre, Mar, Par, Tri, Tun, BEI
	8	+2	Russia	War, Mos, Rum, Ank, Ber , Bul, SEV, CON, SER
	1	0	Turkey	Ber , SMY
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PRESS

A/H-WORLD: And another phone Diplomacy player rolls up victories in postal play. Maybe if we all get together now, you can stop him. Come on, Kirchner, for once you can make a stab that makes sense.

A/H-RUSSIA: Forgive me, I know not what I did.

BERLIN: It appears that the mighty nation of Germany will crumble because of lies, backstabs, and general all-around bad things. How could I have believed all that I did?

MOORE-JERKO ERECTION CO: What the hell is this NMR shit? I sent two copies of the strategic orders "F Aegean sit and fuck off", and here you go NMRing me. What gives? Linsey let you have a sneak prevue of my letter or something? I know, Curtis Gibson threatened you with a gift sub to GRAUSTARK if you didn't NMR me. That's it, isn't it?

JECO-MOORE: Yeah, Linsey told me about your letter, which he will use to try to start another hobby controversy. Well, sorry Jack, but you're wrong on both counts. First, you don't even have a F Aegean in this game, so it must have been one of the many other one center positions you're playing. You know, just about every game you're in. Shit, give me Pilant, he's much more reliable than you. Second, you didn't stab me in 79HE?!

HAH! That's a good one. Your memory is slipping, my friend, but then they say marijuana does that to ones brain. I can't wait to see your letter in VD, Captain Stab. I need a good laugh.

ITS PEOPLE-A/H: OK, you're not an asshole. Fuckhead then.

CYPRUS-MOSCOW: Does this mean that the R/T draw won't get your vote?

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IRKSOME

NO. 16

JUNE 20, 1981

Let's get right into it with....
IRKSOME * * * * 80LM

RUSSIANS MISS FERRY IN NORWAY. FRENCH HOLD ON TO BURGUNDY. NEW TURK HAS LITTLE LUCK.

SPRING 1904

ENGLAND(Vaughan)

F EDI S RUSSIAN A Nwy-Yor(NSO).

FRANCE(Sherwood)

A PAR S A Bur, F Wes-LYO, F NAT-MID, A LON-Bel, F ENG C A Lon-Bel, A BUR waits for the onslaught(imp,H), A LVP sings Beatles songs(imp,H).

GERMANY(Stephens)

F Swe-Nwy, F NTH C RUSSIAN A Nwy-Yor(NSO), A BEL S A Ruh-Bur, A RUH-Bur, A MUN S A Ruh-Bur, A KIE-Ruh, A BER.S A Mun.

ITALY(Palter)

F Ion-TUN, F ADR-Ion, F ALB S F Gre, F GRE S F Adr-Ion, A Tyo-BOH, A Boh-SIL, A VIE-Gal, A BUD S A Vie-Gal, A SER S A Bud.

RUSSIA(D Gareipy)

A WAR S A Gal, A GAL S A Sev-Rum, A Sev-RUM, F BLA S A Sev-Rum F Bot-SWE, A Nwy-STP.

TURKEY(Blant)

F EAS-Ion, F AEG S A Bul-Gre, A BUL-Gre, A COH-Bul.

FALL 1904 moves are due to JOHN MICHALSKI, RT. 10 BOX 526Q, MOORE, OK, 73165, on July 11, 1981. Change of address: Bobby Stephens, 1721 Oakwood, Ft. Worth, TX 76117. I've decided not to give my game numbers--too impersonal--so this game is just Irksome now. See notes for GOPHER HOLE for details of next deadline. Winter 1904 and Spring 1905 will be due in Minneapolis at noon CDT August 1, 1981

PRESS.....

FRANCE-GOPHER HOLE GERMANY: Watch out for Italy. Mama Byrne is good at Italy, and it may run in the family. In fact, Mama Byrne may be playing under Phyllis's name. If she opened up with an attack on Austria, you know it's Kathy at the helm.

GM: Would I allow false names in my zine? Who do you think I am, Scotty Oaklyn?

TURKEY-WORLD: I haven't followed this game so tell me who's against whom.

PAR-GM: No more accusations, have you come to realize I didn't do the fakes? Don Del Grande knows it. Publicly apologize and all will be forgiven.((Hell, no.))

GM-PAR: "You are the Walrus. Goo goo a' joob, G'goo goo g'joob."

BOBBY-BETH: That's no accent, Everyone down here talks like that. As for Keith, he's the best joke I know.

BETH-BOBBY: Accent or not, if you look anything like you sound this could be an interesting relationship.

BUR-RUH: All we are saying is give peace a chance. Or we'll kick your head in.

CON-GM: Great, a standby position with no place to go.

GM-CON: Yes there is, right through Italy.

PAR-BER: We can work it out, try to see it my way, we can work it out.

GERMANY-FRANCE: I take back my invitation.

PAR-MUN: God damn you! Why are you always stealing my girls? First Marie, and now Beth. What is it with your accent? Keep your hands off Beth, she's mine.

GM: But can she keep her hands off him?

FRANCE-SCOTT: Germany? Why ever would you go to Germany? It's so terrible there: armies roam the streets, they pick on the poor French, and all the inhabitants have Texan accents. God, what a forsaken place.

SCOTT-FRANCE: But I'm not going to the IRKSOME Germany; I'm going to the one in Maniacal, where Crud used to be.

MORE IRKSOME PRESS: THE WAITING IS THE BEST PART!

WEST MED: Like Hell I'll withdraw!

PAR-GM: How come when Bobby calls in he gets girls to answer, but I call I get 200 pound jocks who are mad as hell about having to answer the phone? It just isn't fair.

GM-PAR: You mean you didn't like Rick? I thought he was just your type!

??? I knew old Dave G was a pervert, but I did not know his wife was.

KEITH-DARLING BETH: I'm going out to California this week. Maybe I can take a little detour and visit you. Whadda ya say?

BETH-KEITH: Stop by if it's not out of the way. Scott and I are taking separate honeymoons.

TURK-WORLD: OK I'll stay in my little corner of the world and you guys fight it out.

TROLARIA: Scott's "known Beth since high school"? Biblicly? Oh yeah, congrats on your marraige. Does that mean the trip to your German girlfriend's house is off or will you be taking your new wife?

GM-TRO: See BETH-KEITH above.

FRANCE: Oh yeah! We remembered you in the poll. I don't know if they accept negative numbers, tho?

PAR-GM: So what was the title "Enough to make you leave home" from? I've been able to get most of your album titles. Speaking of last issues "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap" have you heard the Big Balls song? Great stuff.

CM-PAR: That album was the second one by the Ramones, Leave Home. Dirty Deeds... by AC/DC is pretty decent, mostly because it was recorded 5 years ago. Since they toned themselves down to get on the radio they've put out nothing but shit. But "Rock and Roll Damnation" is a classic song! (On the album Powerage.)

TURK-WORLD: If everyone attacks Italy than I can have some fun.

KEITH-GM: I don't know any small town jokes; all I know is what they say about Los Alamos: it's so boring that the sidewalks roll up at 9:00 pm.

GM: That's nothing! Madison is so small that...both city limit signs are on the same post...the main industry is bringing pop bottles back to the store...the local McDonalds has only one arch...and you have to order a Big Mac from a catalog..they used to have a zoo until the clam died...the mayor was re-elected by a landslide, 3 votes...and the local hooker is a virgin!

Since my games no longer have numbers, I've decided to name my new game after the ~~sh*t~~ house I live in. Nothing against the house, but we residents call it the...

GO~~PH~~PER HOLE

You see, it's owned by Gopher State Housing Co. Get it? Anyway, here's 1981CK....

SPRING 1901

AUSTRIA(Cummings)	F Tri-ALE, A Bud-SER, A Vie-TRI.
ENGLAND(Ellis)	A Lvp-WAL, F Edi-NTH, F Lon-ENG.
FRANCE(Kostenick)	A Par-PIC, A Mar-SPA, F Bre-MID.
GERMANY(Forman)	F Kie-HOL, A Ber-KIE, A Mun-BUR.
ITALY(P Byrne)	A Rom-VEN, A Ven-TYO, F Nap-ION.
RUSSIA(O Gareipy)	F Sev-BLA, A War-GAL, A Mos-WAR, F StP(sc)-BOT.
TURKEY(Iverson)	A Con-BUL, F Ank-CON, A Smy-ANK.

Notes on next page....

GOPHER HOLE NOTES...THIS TIME YOU WISH I'D STOP THE FACE DANCES
 Fall 1901 moves are due to JOHN MICHALSKI, RT. 10 BOX 526Q, MOORE, OK 73165 on
 July 11, 1981. Note that John does not accept phone orders like I do, thus the dead-
 line is extended by a week. And hold down the press a little; the sound of John
 typing drives his wife nuts. Oh yeah, Winter 1901 will be due in Minneapolis at
 noon CDT on August 1, 1981. I nearly forgot, the Russian player is Omer Gareipy, not
 Dave as I announced. The address is the same.

PRESS:

JR-GM: I decided to go with the standard Byrne opening.

GM-JR.: But the Byrne opening is anything but standard.

RUSSIA-AUSTRIA: No I don't want you to support me into Bulg. Turkey is my friend.

LONDON(THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR ENGLAND)-ITALY: Shall we annihilate the Frenchies

or just destroy them. Also, hey Phyllis! Why is your mom known as "bloodsucker"?

I'm almost afraid of the answer! P.S. Do you want Marseilles and Spain?

ITALY-ENGLAND: I don't trust anyone who xeroxes letters and no I won't attack France.

LIVERPOOL(THE STEREOTYPED ENGLISH SUPPLY CENTER)-GERMANY: Bloody right old chap!

Let's discuss the matter of the French swines over a hot cyp of tea with limes!

ITALY-AUSTRIA: I don't care about ratings.

At least you guys keep the press size down to something manageable, unlike SOME people
 in this zine! I know we have a lot of
 new people here this time time, so I
 thought I'd put a snapshot of myself in.
 You see, I am a little shy. That's why I
 wear the sheet. Michalski's is just to
 hide his ugliness.

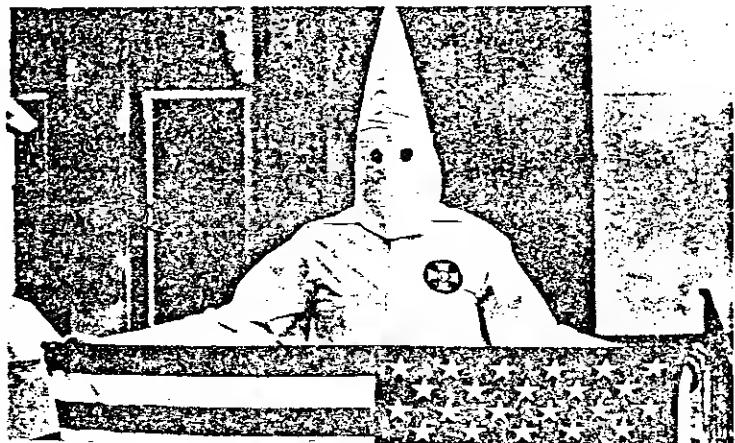
EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT MARK BURCH you'd be
 interested in the weather we had last
 weekend: a tornado! These games came
 within 5 blocks of being orphaned! Not
 really, it just passed 5 blocks from the
 McDonalds where I work. The nearest dam-
 age was 3 miles away, both north and
 south of us. It hit a couple of shopping
 malls, but luckily only 2 were killed and
 84 injured. Tornados hardly ever touch
 down in metropolitan areas; the ground air in cities is too warm; but a week of cool
 weather and 3 days of rain made this small tornado possible. The wet ground also meant
 a lot of lost trees.

THE WALRUS STRUCK AGAIN with a fake Brutus Bulletin that featured a real IRKSOME #13.
 The whole thing is really quite funny. Just for the record, I'M not married to Beth,
 but truth is stranger than fiction; the two of us are sharing a room this summer. You
 see, she is working at the U until the end of July, and goes back to Madison just
 before I get back from Germany. So we thought we'd save about \$300 between us. And it
 turns out Bruce Linsey now subs to Caruso's zine, Whitestonia. I've always suspected
 our own Keith Sherwood of being the Walrus, but he claims to have an alibi.

DIPSOMANIA IS A ZINE that I will be starting when I return from Germany. Most BB subbers
 and all players here will get a sample of number one, but if you want to make sure,
 drop me a note. And since the Walrus reads this, I defy him to fake it!!

AIR CONTROLLERS WILLING, I am leaving the country on Tuesday. Don't forget to send
 your orders to John M. I've been saving for this trip and looking forward to it for
 a long time, and I will have a good time. Why don't you write me a postcard, I might
 even answer it! See y'all in August!!!

Scott Hanson, #Frauke Petersen, Bahnhofstr.5, 2330 Eckernförde, WEST GERMANY
 phone: you must be joking!!!



FEAR & DICE 81R AWAY AWAY

...is a game of Diplomacy being run by insert and may be printed in Brutus Bulletin (it's up to you, John!!). It has two week (kind of) deadlines and black press. Up til now it has been in Brad Wilson's now defunked Born To Dip and Scott Hanson now GMs the thing. In a couple months he may even have something to insert it in so it can be a real insert game. But for now we have this.....

AUTUMN 1902: ITALY ret F Ion-TYN

WINTER 1902: RUSSIA builds A WAR, F STP(nc). GERMANY removes A Pic. TURKEY builds A SMY.

SHERWOOD PLAYS VICTIM. MARTIN PLAYS LADIES' MAN. KATHERINE THE GREAT ROLLS ON. STEBBINS PLAYS (TOO?) CAUTIOUS, WOODY & MAINARDI BUMP HEADS, DO LITTLE ELSE.

SPRING 1903

AUSTRIA(Michalski) F ALB-Adr, A Ser-TRI, A Tri-TYO, A VIE S A Tri-Tyo.

ENGLAND(Stebbins) A Lon-WAL, F Nth-LON, F HEL-Hol, F DEN S RUSSIAN F Bal-Kie.

FRANCE(Martin) A Par-PIC, A Bur-BEL, A Mar-BUR, F ENG S A Bur-Bel, F Mid-WES.

GERMANY(Sherwood) A Den H(NSU), F Kie S A Mun-Ber(d,ann), A MUN-Ber, F HOL S F Kie, A Bel S F Hol(d,ann).

ITALY(Mainardi) A Ven-ROM, A Tyo-VEN, F ADR-Apu, F Tyn-TUN.

RUSSIA(Byrne) A War-SIL, A GAL S A War-Sil, F StP(nc)-NWy, F Nwy-NTH, F Bal-KIE, A SWE S ENGLISH F Den, A BER-Mun, F RUM H & throws kisses at Toots and Woody!

TURKEY(Woody) A SMY-Apu, F ION & F AEG C A Smy-Apu, A BUL S A GRE, A GRE S A BUL.

FALL 1903 is due to BOB OSUCH, 3417 S PAULINA, CHICAGO, IL 60608 on July 11, 1981. Thanks to John for the Shuttle stamps and to Keith for his check-looks like you paid about \$1.50 a unit!! And thanks also for all the mentions in the fake BB. That was awfully nice of you. Oh, you didn't do the fake BB??? I'm sorry. You really should have! Anyway, Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 will be due to me in Minneapolis at noon CDT on August 1, 1981. Now let's do... (it's black, by the way)...

THE PRESS...

RUSS-ENG: I'm trying so hard not to stab you but Toots would hate me if I stabbed him and he's so sexy!

WOODY-EVERYONE: Isn't it funny how my typewriter writes in Brad's handwriting. For me it prints like any typewriter.

MOS-GER: I can't stand listening to TRO--so I've decided to shut your trap in Irksome!

GM-MOS: Sorry, Kathy, but this game is too good for Irksome. Well, actually, I have a ten-year-old playing there, and I think the language here is a bit too strong for her. So you'll have to shut him up right here.

BERLIN: I always thought that standbys played free. Oh well. Because I like you Scott I'm sending along a check for \$15 to help with costs, and I challenge others to match my pledge. Donate now, for Scotty's kids.

MOS-BUD: Darling, I thought you promised never to publish our memoirs. But now I see the third line of every BB is a sentence from that one night in Chicago. Please stop right now before you get to that part with the whip and cucumber.

LON-MOS: OK, my dear, I have supported you into Kis1. I hope you don't stab me by moving into the North. Of course, if you did, you realize it will be war.

RUSSIA-GER: I made a mistake, I never said I won't go to Ber it was Bur, you were probably thinking ambiguously.

KEITH-KATHY: My, we are treacherous, aren't we?

FADE AWAY....SPRING 1903

ROME-EUROPE: At last this game is out from under the control of the idiot of Dipdom, Brad the Estranged.

TURKEY: I call upon all sane nations to put down their differences and join together to stop Russia who has twice as much as any other country on the board. If we don't stop her now, we may never do it. Attack Kathy or die.

LUSCIOUS-TOOTS: I liked Woody's picture, what do you think, you think the reason he keeps attacking me on the board is because he wishes he could attack any female in person. Brux and Woody--well, as they say, dip players make strange bed partners!

ROCKVILLE: What's this? A real GM?

GM: I'm sorry, you must be confusing me for someone else...oh, by the way, that "forged" historical document was real. The original wouldn't have xeroxed well... it was written in orange pen!! You see, the letter was supposed to be funny, but Julie took it seriously. Tell her I'm sorry I haven't written... I'll send her a letter from Germany!

WOODY-TOOTS: Okay, you have a deal, next year you support me into Rum. I agree sge must be stopped.

TUN: I move that we rename this game and forget its turbulent past. I move we rename it after a bigger figure than Springsteen will ever be: Buddy Holly. I say we rename this game "not fade away" as a tribute to Holly and the players' persiverence.

MPLS: No way Hosea! I, too, am a worshipper of the great God Springsteen, and Fade Away will remain just that!! You can look but you better not touch!

ROME-CONSTANTINOPLE: You get Naples, but that's all you'll get! By the way, did you ever retrieve your typewriter from the evil Robert?

BERLIN-MOSCOW: My first season of my first game with you, the first female I've ever played with, and you stab me. I don't believe it. My mother told me to watch out for girls like you.

GM-BERLIN: Welcome to your first Byrne stab. You have now achieved manhood.

MOS-ITALY: I'm shocked--if Woody can do this to you--what will he do to me and no not in Room #100!

MUN-VIE: Okay Mr. Old and Sedate, if this is actually going to be published in BB, then I challenge you and the rest of the board to liven up this game and write the most sick and perverted press you can think of. BB and sick press will ride again!

RUSSIA-FRANCE: Are you happy now? Again I made the first move--such a gentleman, always "Ladies FIRST."

ROME-PARIS: Since Austria and Turkey are both attacking me, and the Czarina shows all the signs of supporting both of them against me, I really have no chance in this game. So, to you who has not attacked me nor has lied to me I leave my centers. They're all yours if you want them, Dick.

MUN-VIE: Please call me again. I promise to be more interesting this time. I'm home Wednesday and every morning til 10:00 am (11:00 am your time). We can talk about your turning around and attacking Kathy.

RUSS-TURKEY: Don't try it buddy! I'm watching you and I'll never leave myself open to any attack by you--Toots maybe--you never!

MOS-AUSTRIA: Stabbed by your own wife, well at least the family jewels are intact, I hope! If not, I'll have to check out Woody's in Room 100! Spare me, please!

GERMANY: Is it true all the flooding in Minnesota is due to the fact you were so pleased to see Kathy stab me you wet your pants--and couldn't stop?

GM: You're confusing things, we had tornados in Minneapolis, and they were from the sigh of relief I breathed when Kathy didn't stab me in Maniacal. Seriously, this game was 5 blocks away from being orphaned again...see IRKSOME for details.

MOS-TURKEY: Hi! Meet you at the Boardwalk if you're not there by 3--forget Rm. 100.

AUS-GM: Going to Germany to see your girlfriend, eh? Isn't that a long way to go to get laid???

But well worth it!!! Y'all send me a postcard now, y'hear. See y'all in August!!!

Scott Hanson, Frauken Petersen, Bahnhofstr. 5, 2330 Eckernforde, WEST GERMANY

PS Kathy, you'll get your card, and Dick will get his too!!!

Did you hear the one about the newfie

1. Tried to throw himself on the ground and missed.
2. Took a roll of toilet paper to a crap game.
3. Put Iodine on his paycheck because he took a cut in pay.
4. Was so lazy he married a pregnant woman.
5. Was feeling so low he got his face slapped.
6. Lost his girlfriend because he forgot where he laid her.
7. Thought asphalt was rectum trouble.
8. Wouldn't go out with his wife because he knew she was married.
9. Thought his typewriter was pregnant because it missed a period.
10. Called his girlfriend 'Tapioca' because she could be made in a minute.
11. Thought Peter Pan was a washroom in a whorehouse.
12. Thought a sanitary belt was a drink from a clean glass.
13. Definition of a maniac: A newfie in a whorehouse with a credit card.
14. Studied for five days for a urine test.
15. Thought moby dick was a venereal disease.
16. Thought manual labour was the president of Mexico.
17. Took his pregnant wife to a grocery store because he heard that they had free delivery.
18. The three most dangerous men in the world: A Jew with money, a Greek with tennis shoes and a Newfie with brains.
19. When a man was invited to a party, he said he had a case of diarrhea. The caller said; Bring it along, those newfies will drink anything.
20. Doctors don't circumcise newfies anymore. They were throwing the best part away.
21. The reason why there are no newfie golfers. They don't know their ass from a hole in the ground.
22. Newfies make the best astronauts. They took up space in school.
23. A level headed newfie is one who has shit coming out of both ears at the same time.
24. Newfie mothers are strong and broad shouldered, from raising dumbbells.

LETTERS

KONRAD BAUMEISTER

11416 Parkview Lane, Hales Corners,
WI 53130

No, I've never even heard of Gibson beer, much less tried it. However, just out of principle, with "Gibson" for a name, I wouldn't have touched the stuff if I did find it. Where is it brewed? SURE that the name is REALLY Gibson? Also, anybody else outside of me ever drink Horlacher Perfection Beer? Probably the best domestic brew I'm aquainted with, but I can't find a store that stocks it. (Pennsylvania brew, I believe).

I got what I assume is a fake BB (#90, mid June) with a note in it from "me". I didn't write it, though, of course, it's the truth...Dave and I have always been best of friends, and we put on the show just to show how damned stupid feuding like that looks. We took it to an extreme to make the point, though it seems nobody figured it out. (I don't buy the Caruso/Linsey stuff, but then, it IS a fake...) Ask Dave if you don't believe me.

((I'm afraid he's gone into hiding for fear of being associated with this anti-Semitic hobby of ours. On the other hand, it seems he told a different story to everyone he gave a reason to, so who knows? I'll honor his request to be left out of things. Saves me 18¢.

I'm glad you recognized it as a fake. Some of the recent fakes have been hard to spot. I think I got a set of fake VDs last night, but who can tell?)) *J.M.*

STEVE ARNAWOODIAN
(excerpts)

602 Hemlock Circle, Lansdale, PA 19446

I told Caruso you thought Linsey faked BB. He thinks it was Sherwood. Sounds reasonable-- after all, Sherwood had the Fade Away game results. Besides, it was too good to be Linsey's work!

((You may have a point there.... By the way, ever hear of Horlacher Perfection Beer?)) *J.M.*

MIKE MITCHELL (Politburo/Politburito)
(excerpts)

959 Alamo Road, Los Alamos, NM 87544

I would like to thank you for your plug in BB#90. You have been a big help in getting POLITBURO up into the air. John ~~Pack~~ and I have some really good ideas to try and I think they will work. We have done many "zines" since ninth grade including a local dippy zine at the high school. It was the rival zine to TRO Sherwood's TTR.

The main reason I am writing this letter is to ask for a sub to BB. I have been saving nickles for over a year now, and I decided to blow the wad for a sub to BB. I think it will be worth it.

((Marginal notes)): Oh, was the masthead for BB#90 rub on lettering or did someone draw it for you?

Why are all pubbers named "John"?

((I don't know. You'll have to ask Brux Linsey, Crud Martin, Steve Heinowski, Steve McLendon, Robert Sergeant, Lee Kendter, Dave Grabar, or one of those others about that.

The masthead is now a regular feature unless I get in some non-English one from someone. (I've had Portugese, Sanskrit, Chinese, and many others). The master was done through Arturo Guajardo when he was in Europe. He's near you in Tucson, unless he's moved since he let his sub lapse. 3201 E Greenlee Rd #13 Tucson 85716

Thanks for the sub, and welcome aboard!))

J.M.

MARK LEW

3120 W 79, Anchorage, AK 99501 (put
a note on the envelope that addressee
is not deceased, or they'll return it)

Hello, it looks like another fake or are you fooling me with a fake title form me and two issues called 90? The handwriting on back looks like Del Monte and in general reeks of Brux. Well, I'll read and reply as usual---

Subzenes dull as usual, so there. They look kind of familiar but how should I know?

Lew, cont'd

I don't read them. IRK is the better of the two, because Sherwood writes it. Besides, who would trust a zene called D&D?

Funny, Robinson-Baumeister and Mills letters look like MY pseudo-typewriter.

Maybe everyone is right about Sherwood being Walrus. Walrus says "I hope the hobby doesn't go to hell, I'm having fun". Just like some young man would say. I'm only 1½ years and I couldn't say that without vomiting. The hobby is already past hell, I'd say.

Hey! I sense I'm going to be accused. Not me, folks! about the PS) 1. I have a box 2) I'm poor 3) Trash the subzenes. Mmmmmmm.

Yeah! Bring back Perlmutter! Come to think of it, the Del Monte writing looks like Sherwood too.

Anyhow, subzenes excepted, best issue in a long while. My sub is extended to 91. Right?

PS The more I think about it, the more I suspect the BB fake was for Sherwood to get me. (For various, including me criticizing his subzene)(or is it Hanson's?)

Hebrew, huh? Drag up the old dictionary and PRESTO



((You're not using this for some Yiddish profanity, are you?

Your sub was extended, but you'd better move fast; look what number this one is already! I hope your pseudo-typewriter gets better soon too....)) JM.

JIM MEINEL

4236 NE 11 Ave #105 Seattle WA 98105

Got your issue #91 okay, that makes 3 BBs and they're all great stuff. I like (most) of your views, and your style when you don't agree. No punches pulled. Hard to find anyone like that around anymore. I also liked the little message from the lonely housewife, however, I think it's a little one-sided, so I've enclosed the husband's feelings about working all that O.T.

Since gun control seems to be a favorite topic lately, I believe the rampage of violent crime in the past few years is more symptomatic of our attitude towards criminals in society than the easy access to guns. Guns are really only extensions of violent intentions--if someone wants to commit a crime (rob a bank, rape a woman, kidnap someone) it doesn't really matter if he can get a gun or not; he's still going to do it. The reason there is so much violent crime in our society is because we allow so many violent criminal people to exist. Don't talk to me about causes of violent criminal people--there have always been circumstances in any society that produce those types of people. No society is perfect. But what the liberals and the courts have attempted to do is create a perfect society where NO ONE is punished for something he didn't do, even if it means letting off a lot of bad and evil people. Instead of protecting the 228 million decent people, the law is trying to protect the 2 million or so people who are committing the violent crimes in our country. It costs money to imprison people and it costs lives to let them go free. The solution is simple.

Execute first degree murderers, hijackers, kidnappers, terrorists, and spies. You get two chances at burglary, assault, rape, armed robbery, arson, use of a gun in a crime. Convicted a third time, we fry you. A good way to get rid of the repeat offender, who commits most of the crime anyway. So we fry a few people who may not deserve it; no one ever said life was fair, it never has been and never will be. The safety of some 200 million people is surely more important than a few wrong people in the hot seat. It's a damnsight better than the wholesale purges and massacres history has recorded in societies, and it's better than the carnage going on in our streets right now.

Meinel, conclusion

Besides, any decent human being worth living won't find himself in front of a bank teller with a loaded gun, or in someone else's house ripping off some guy, or raping some woman in a park, let alone 3 times. People like that are better off dead. Life isn't as sacred as some people would have us believe, there are 6 billion people in the world and all you have to do is open a newspaper to know that life is cheap. And no life is cheaper than a violent criminal's. As someone once said, a society deserves the criminals it produces. And lots exist.

My, aren't we cheery today. As you may know John, I'm just starting out in the postal hobby--I'm in 3 gamestarts, LSD, AC, and Cheesecake. The game fees are, respectively, \$10, 3.50, and -0-. Any personal comments on the disparities? All three of them are terrific zines (that's why I'm plugging them, though the converse isn't true, if I don't play in a zine, it doesn't mean it's not terrific, case in point BB) but the prices must represent a different philosophy of CMs. Comment?

Someday I will retrieve my wife's typewriter, which she loaned to friends, so you won't have to wade through my scrawl. I appreciate mucho the encouragement you've given me in starting out. Could I have a copy of your HRs? I'd like to see your standards for games. Thanks a lot.

Too bad I didn't see your zine in 1980. Guess I'll have to wait until 1981 to vote in the poll.

((Only because you're honest. The gamefees are more a reflection of how much of a loss the GM is willing to take. The \$10 is closer to breakeven for someone paying all the real costs; the \$3.50 is a gain by the player, as either the CM is eager to get players now in exchange for a loss later, or else the GM is stealing stamps somewhere and is passing along the savings to you, the player. Andy's free schedule is simply Andy absorbing the efforts and out-of-pocket costs himself, or else he's getting everything free and passing on the savings. Your guess there is as good as mine. Maybe he's rich.

I won't elaborate too much on your other views except to note how similar they are to my own positions stated here not too long ago. The old 3-time loser law was a good one, and executions are indeed WAY too rare. This is because the people are incredibly stupid and allow themselves to be persuaded by liberals who are also cocooned from the harsh realities, making it all so easy to say that everybody should be free as a bird. The underlying problem, aside from decadence of the soft life, is the erroneous idea that everybody else is "just like me". They figure that if they went astray, just give them a verbal warning and turn them loose, and they'd be rehabilitated. Trouble is, there are an awful lot of people who were never "habilitated" to begin with...

Thanks for sharing your views with us.))JM.

MARK LEW (assorted subzines) again

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Now we've gone and done it, the USPS thinks I'm dead too. Maybe I'll become another Doc Daneeka. I never even noticed 89 was missing, 90 came so soon after. 54¢ in stamps was sent to pay for 91 and if I remember there's 54¢ more for 92. I'm still too broke (in fact, I'm in debt exactly 39¢; good thing I have a half a roll of stamps) to send a subczech. Does the fake cost? I didn't do it, it's Tro trying to frame me).

Do you know anything about that Raiders of the Lost Ark? I figured it'd be talked about like EMP was. It's on up here. Did they decide to be backwards and start in Alaska this time? I think I'll see it tonight, depending on if I'm being paid for or not.

Hey! Something worthwhile in a subzene, the picture of the little girl. My, she certainly is a cutie. Who is it?

I don't like the idea of computer mail. How would I be able to write messy, in a different color ink, notes in the margin, draw pictures, etc.? I suppose zeens will be by computer too. How stupid.

You're too hard on the modern artists. I know some of them myself and they're searching for meaning in life and all that and are trying to somehow express themselves. But it's not their fault if they're fucked up.

Best thing I've ever heard for gun control was Mike Mills being saved in the fake. I think there should be something on the tax forms what percent of your money goes

where. That way everyone could be satisfied that they're paying for something worthwhile. All the right-wingers can buy nukes to "defend" us with, and the leftists can buy education and welfare. It'd probably reduce such nonsense as \$800,000 to conduct a study to see if shit stinks or whatnot, too.

If some private firm were allowed to emulate the USPS, they wouldn't need to phase in. Most would probably stick with USPS until the other was established so it would go naturally. Or else everyone would jump in right away and they'd screw up so people would get disgusted and back out until it gets balanced.

Of course Navajo Tro likes the subzenes. After all, he writes half of it. That's why I like GRAB DOTS (or should it be RETAL.?)

As for Allen Wells, I was told once that Vermonters are like Texans: simpleminded folk who think their state is the world or some such.

I hate Ayn Rand. Somewhere she got the idea that man is by nature ambitious and right-wing, when in fact, most would much rather sit on their butt and "do" something like watch TV. Certainly not read her books, what a bore!

I was pretty far left once but all of you have mellowed me out a bit. I never fit the crowd though because I had my life figured out by the time I was 14 when most liberals are "trying to find themselves" in their 20s. On the other hand, most right wingers lost themselves, but pretend otherwise because they'd rather not look.

I hear STAR TREK the motion picture is good if you're turned on by spaceships and models and engineering, etc., but not for a movie. I didn't waste my time(mymoney).

You're absolutely right that I'm at the mercy of anyone with a gun but I'd rather not encourage more to have them. If a normally decent person goes wacko, I'd rather he spend 10+ minutes to buy a gun so he might have time to think better of it.

PS Went to see earlier mentioned movie but the line was too long. I've been told it's already been through Lower 48. Comment?

((Yes. It's playing here now, but I haven't been able to see it. Pilant said it was pretty good. Or was it Shaffer? I know it wasn't Kathy Byrne.....

Would 11 minutes at the counter give him time to be cured? If so, all the "decent folks who go wacko" would get cured on their way to the gun shop unless they already lived right there. Then all we'd have to do is control and screen gunshop owners, right?

You are right about the liberals trying to "find themselves". That has always been one of the best arguments I could see for a universal male draft. Thirty months in the army would help these drifting jerks "find" which was their head and which was their ass very quickly. We need such a universal draft not so much for military purposes, but for SOCIAL ones. Too many teenagers are just assholes looking for cheap pot at the extreme, but it is they also who set the tone for all too many. Put them in uniform and let them handwash latrines for 2½ years and they'd have some appreciation of what life is besides a perpetual searching for the next "high".

Vermont isn't the world, but it is better than most of the world. It is a beautiful state, and a good model. Like Oregon perhaps. (Not Oklahoma though, that's for sure).

Government by subscription would create too much uncertainty as to income. Thus the idea of a Republic, wherein you agree to accept the dictates of the government in exchange for some voice (tho not a loud voice) in the selection of that government. How much support would the space program get during its early failures? More important, who would choose to pay for the future things when the alternative would be to spend the money on a new car instead, e.g.? Would \$5 a head for your family be better off buying another nuclear carrier, or a couple of pizzas and a sixpack? You buy the sixpack; I'd support a government that gave its people no choice, but raised the military to go in and kick ass on a rich but lazy country that was drinking beer and eating pizza instead. In a world in which 9 or 10 out of every 12 alive are in misery, it is amazing how incredibly lax and lethargic the last 2 or 3 are with the success that prior generations, working and fighting and suffering, provided them with. Most haven't got paper to wipe their ass with; but since we do, no one seems to give a damn as to what it takes to keep that paper handy to us, to produce, to use. The only real trouble is that the costs, when it comes time to say "I told you so", are incredibly high. Why must we face a new Dark Ages to "prove" the need for armaments, and the like?))

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First of all, I'd like to thank you for your courtesy in sending me items from B.B. even though I carelessly let my subscription lapse. You are one of very few publishers in the hobby these days who would be nice enough to do that.

I really regret not having sent you a resub check prior to this. As an excuse I can only tender a long series of demands on my time, not least of which has been working overtime every weekend since my vacation this Spring. It's amazing how little energy one has for other things on the weekend when one puts in 8 hours on Saturday. So things piled up and got neglected, and only the bare essentials got any attention.

Anyway, enclosed is a check for \$10 which I hope will keep a sub going with you for a while.

As to Sacks' comments in B.B. 92: I do not see the relevance of the "documents" he sent you, since nothing they mention has been previously mentioned that I can tell. They prove nothing about me, but they do demonstrate that Sacks is, as usual, confused.

Whether Sacks thought the NADF Charter should be ratified is not very meaningful. Everyone else thought it should be voted on at the time, and I am not aware that in any democratic body a single malcontent can have the power to hold up progress. Sacks apparently feels that any election held without his personal permission is "rigged". Tough.

As to the MNC Covenant: Since I am not a signatory to the document, I do not see why I am required to observe its provision or pay any attention to it. What Sacks is saying is that if his personal friends fall down on the job, the only recourse is to him. And, as in the late Heuer matter, you know how much action you're likely to get: none.

I have great respect for the job Greg Costikyan has done as MNC. But it is equally clear to me that Greg is no longer doing it. By the time this sees print, my response to Sacks' opinion that he's God of the Miller Numbers will be evident. I believe the variant community at large will support the action I am going to take...in which case Sacks can take his "covenant" and (with 50¢) use it to buy a cup of coffee.

I hope you will let me take this opportunity to plug another project of mine. Namely my fantasy fanzine, PELLENORATH. Now in its 3rd issue, PELL is devoted strictly to "the geographical settings of fantasy and science fiction stories". Our writer's guidelines are available for SASE. A sample copy is \$1 and a sub is 5/\$4.

Issue #1 covered Hyborea, Zembla, Poseidonis, Dreamworld, and the Corum novels. Issue #2, an E.R.B. special, covered Amtor, Lutha, Barsoom, Poloda, and Pellicidar. Issue #3, just out, covered Viriconium, Dorimare, Prydain, and Zimiamvia. We project a Mike Sirota special this year, and we hope to get in a map for Karl Wagner's Kane novels. As well as other goodies, of course. All back issues are in print, and will remain so for the foreseeable future.

((Welcome back. I'm curious as to what 'evident-response' you will come up with.)) *J.W.*

Free ad: JOHN LIPSCOMB, 120/ Osler St, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0T8, Canada
has sent in a long list of wargames, zines, and some fantasy stuff for sale. AH Stuff runs about \$6 each, SPI half that, many "third world" items and out of print zines. Write him.

ODDS AND ENDS

MARK BERTH DEPARTMENT, Mid June has been pretty good, giving us a break with some cloudy days, cool (fifties) nights once or thrice, and a smattering of showers. Days are just barely scratching at the 90 degree mark, which is decent; only 10 degrees hotter than I'd like, and 10 degrees cooler than one would come to expect after recent seasons.

SUBS EXPIRING: Last issue, Heinowski, Schneier, Myers, Rodriguez; This issue, only Stafford; next issue, Huddle, Carlson, Arnawoodian, Del Grande, Pritt

WELCOME NEW FACES: Meinel, Manuel, Pearson, Brown (✿), Sigwalt, Ragsdale, Conlon, Mainardi (again), Wells. If any of you folks decide you don't care for this thing, let me know. Cawd, there's sure a lot of stamps to be licked around here anymore...

CLAUDINE came home from vacation in California, Wyoming, and other points west in mid June. The power brakes had gone out, but other than that, the crew of 4 came through OK. The first thing C decided was that there was no way she was going back to that civil service job she'd left (in disgust, vacationing on Leave Without Pay), so that first whole day back, Friday, around noon, she went to a 1-woman agency in Moore and asked about a job. She interviewed for one spot the woman had at about 2, and was hired before 4. Now we ride to work together and Claudine is experiencing a normal job for the first time in all the years I've known her. She had once worked for the phone company long ago, which isn't exactly government yet, but that was long before we met. So far, she seems fairly happy and relaxed with the new surroundings. It's a one third cut in pay, but perhaps well worth it. Only bad thing is, our riding together tends to lessen my push for a new job, which is something I really ought to be going after. Maybe after we kick these auditor types out on their ass someday, I'll have some useful tasks to perform...

Did you hear about the woman who walked into the grocery store and stopped, cupping her hands and patting her ears-boobs-ass-and lap? The manager walked up to her and asked what in the hell she was doing. "It's my grocery list", she said. Going through the sequence again, she said, "I need a HEAD of lettuce, two quarts of MILK, a RUMP roast, and a half gallon of JOY"

How about that town in NY in the news? It seems that the kids were spending a lot of time, as well as their lunch money and allowances, etc., playing electronic games in stores. So, since the parents disapproved of what the kids were doing, and since it was New York, why, what ELSE can you do to change the kids' habits the way you want?: the parents go to the CITY COUNCIL and ask for a LAW to control/remove the MACHINES!

And some of you think it's silly of me to talk about how some Americans need the experience of labor camp life...shit.

FLUFF SHAFFER chimes in with this brotherly little item: "Anyone know why niggers never marry Mexicans? The kids would be too lazy to steal." Hmmm.

The latest issue of ARMY has an interesting article about the layout of the proposed armored division of the future (1986). Basically, 6 tank battalions, 4 ~~panzer~~ ~~infantry~~ ~~brigade~~ ~~air cavalry~~ armored infantry battalions. The cute part is, it includes a brigade of air cavalry (which only has 4 maneuver bn's tho, due to the large support body needed for the choppers), and things like a full battalion of electronic countermeasures/radar/etc troops and an anti-chemical warfare company. Plus the usual brigade of HQ and other traditional US excess overhead staffs. If you could fill it and train it, it might be one hell of a potent organization I think. Maybe we could raise two or three such...